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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Gentlemen,

May it please the Court: that I, as a non-techie computer user both at home and work for the last 12 years, recognize the benefits of Microsoft's products as superior in delivering utility and function to both the average and advanced business user. I also recognize the superiority of other vendors products in casual at home, the arts, and design applications.

As a senior citizen, and lifelong student of business and economics; I find it abhorent that an innovator, the likes of which have been penalized before for similar achievement and creativity - would again be brought to its knees by the least common denoninator of our society - success! What has happened to the American Dream? Do we really want to squash the incentive to excell and achieve?

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